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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR GEORGE HEISBOURG TO HEAD LUXEMBOURG
DELEGATION TO BELGRADE CSCE CONFERENCE

1. AMBASSADOR GEORGE HEISBOURG RECENTLY RETURNED FROM
MOSCOW TO FILL A SPECIAL POST IN THE MINISTRY OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS AS LUXEMBOURG'S DELEGATE TO THE CSCE CONFERENCE
IN BELGRADE. HEISBOURG WILL BE STATIONED IN LUXEMBOURG
WITH THE DEFACTO RESPONSIBILITIES OF AN AMBASSADOR AT
LARGE AND MAY TAKE ON OTHER ASSIGNMENTS IN THE MULTINATIONAL
AREA AFTER THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE.

2. BIOGRAPHIC SKETCH: AMBASSADOR HEISBOURG WAS BORN
APRIL 19, 1918, IN LUXEMBOURG. FOLLOWING HIGH SCHOOL IN
LUXEMBOURG, HE STUDIED AT THE UNIVERSITIES OF GRENOBLE,
INSBRUCK AND PARIS AND HAS A BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE
FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF PARIS. HE ENTERED THE LUXEMBOURG
GOVERNMENT IN 1944 AS A PROTEGEE OF FORMER PRIME MINISTER/
FOREIGN MINISTER JOSEPH BECH, THE MOST PRESTIGIOUS POST-
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WAR LUXEMBOURG LEADER AND ONE OF THE FOUNDING FATHERS OF
THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. IN 1945 HE JOINED THE LUXEMBOURG
FOREIGN SERVICE AND SERVED IN LONDON (1945-51), LUXEMBOURG
(1951-1958), AS AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES, CANADA AND
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED NATIONS (1958-64),
AS AMBASSADOR TO THE NETHERLANDS (1964-1967) AND AS AMBASSADOR
TO FRANCE AND THE OECD (1967-1970). IN 1971 HE BECAME

THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE WESTERN EUROPEAN UNION
WHERE HE SERVED UNTIL HE WAS NAMED AMBASSADOR TO MOSCOW
IN 1974.

3. ALTHOUGH NOT BRILLIANT, HEISBOURG IS REGARDED AS A
CAPABLE, DEPENDABLE DIPLOMAT AND A STRONG NEGOTIATOR.
HE IS SYMPATHETIC TOWARDS THE UNITED STATES AND BECAUSE OF
HIS RECENT EXPERIENCE IN THE SOVIET UNION IS KNOWLEDGEABLE
ABOUT SOVIET POLITICS AND STRATEGIE. A MEDIUM-
SIXED, HEAVY SET MAN, HEISBOURG IS OUTGOING AND FRIENDLY
AND ENJOYS WORKING WITH AMERICAN OFFICIALS. HE SPEAKS
FLUENT ENGLISH AS WELL AS GERMAN AND FRENCH AND
SOME RUSSIAN. PHILLIPS

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